Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] ~~A~~ In a particularly compact design of the object of the invention, ~~is taught by the rules of dependent claims 10 and 11 according to which~~ the annular holder is provided with an electric plug for connection to the strain gauge faces, comprising an electronic evaluating unit.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] As especially conveyed by Figs. 2 to 4, the above-mentioned force sensor 24, preferably, comprises a holder 37 made of plastic material, and three peripherally arranged pressure-measuring elements 38a, b, c staggered by respectively 120°. In the assembled condition of the force sensor 24 shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the said sensor is disposed between two pressure rings 39, 40 such that a radial collar or a cone face (see Fig. 2a) of the guide piece 12 is in abutment with the former mentioned pressure ring 39, whereas the latter-mentioned pressure ring 40 is axially supported on the gearbox housing 15. Moreover, holder 37 comprises locking and guiding means 41a-c injection-molded between the pressure-measuring elements, with the said locking and guiding means, on the one hand, securing a form-locking connection of the force sensor 24 to the guide portion 12 and, on the other hand, ensuring a central and fixed position within the gearbox housing 15. The pressure-measuring elements 38a-c, preferably, are of a square-type configuration, respectively comprising four strain gauge faces 42 formed on the surface of the pressure-measuring elements 38a-c in a plane extending in a direction normal to the direction of the force admission into sensor 24. To generate a high-quality sensor signal, the strain gauge faces 42 are bridge-circuited. Moreover, embedded in the plastic material of the holder 37 is a punched grid 44 serving for contacting the strain gauge faces 42 by means of thin-wire bonds 45. The electric connection of the force sensor 24 is through a plug 43 injection-molded to the holder 37 wherein an electronic analyzer 47 (~~not~~ shown in phantom) may be integrated.